
RECOMMENDATIONS

The Joint Housing Study Committee makes the following recommendations to the 2009 General Assembly:

1. Increase or sustain funding for the North Carolina Housing Trust Fund.
2. Provide full and recurring funding for counseling agencies and legal aid.
3. Expand funding for the Home Protection Program.
4. Create a statutory oversight Committee for housing.
5. Establish Regional Housing Advocacy Councils.
6. Establish a Communities of Opportunity Initiative to leverage federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds with private investment.
7. Expand affordable housing development activities.
8. Expand the Individual Development Account Program to include savings for home maintenance for first-time homebuyers.
9. Encourage green building techniques, inclusive of energy and water conservation and healthy homes criteria for all housing rehabilitation and/or new construction using State funds.
10. Increase enforcement of the State Fair Housing Act to prevent source of income discrimination, and establish “socio-economics” as a protected class under the State Fair Housing Act.